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SUBJ: STATE FUNERAL FOR BUBACK AS TERRORIST TRIAL AND SEARCH
FOR ASSASSINS CONTINUE

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1. SUMMARY: OFFICIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ASSASSINATED FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL BUBACK, HIS DRIVER, GOEBEL, AND ACCOMPANYING POLICE OFFICIAL WURSTER (WHO DIED THIS MORNING), WAS HELD TODAY IN KARLSRUHE. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT DELIVERED THE PRINCIPAL FUNERAL ORATION, FOLLOWED BY MINISTER PRESIDENT FILBINGER AND JUSTICE MINISTER VOGEL, BEFORE ASSEMBLED MINISTERS AND LEADING OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENT SCHEEL. EXTRA-UNCLASSIFIED

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ORDINARY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING A REPORTED EIGHT HUNDRED POLICE, IN EVIDENCE. MEANWHILE, BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL CONTINUING WITH ASSURANCES FROM BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG MINISTRIES THAT THE PRISONERS WILL NOT BE "BUGGED" AGAIN, AND POLICE CONTINUE TO TRACK DOWN CLUES REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE BUBACK ASSASSINS. END SUMMARY.

2. SCHMIDT SPOKE AT BUBACK FUNERAL WITH SIMPLE ELOQUENCE, STRESSING THE DETERMINATION OF OFFICIALS AND CITIZENRY TO COPE SUCCESSFULLY WITH TERRORISM BUT EMPHASIZING THAT, WHATEVER THE LAWS AND MEASURES ADOPTED, THEY MUST BE WITHIN CONTEXT OF THE CONSTITUTION. FILBINGER STRUCK A SIMILAR NOTE, WITH A DIVERGING NUANCE IN HIS EMPHASIS ON PROTECTING FREEDOM IN THE RECHTSTAAT BY ASSURING AN ADEQUATE SENSE OF SECURITY AMONG THE POPULATION.

3. INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR TERRORIST ASSASSINS CONTINUES, WITH FOCUS ON THE TOWN OF SACHSENHEIM, NEAR LUDWIGSBURG AND STUTTGART, WHERE ALFA ROMEO ESCAPE VEHICLE FOUND PARKED AND WHERE CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE PROVIDED LAST FEW DAYS THAT TERRORISTS STAYED IN THAT TOWN BEFORE ASSASSINATION AND PRACTICED SHOOTING IN NEARBY WOODS. ACCORDING TO BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL, ASSASSINATION SEEMS TO FOLLOW ONE OF SEVERAL SCENARIOS DEvised BY FORMER DEFENSE LAWYER SIEGFRIED HAAG, WHO HAS BEEN IMPRISONED IN KAISERSLAUTERN SINCE NOVEMBER 1976. HE IS PRESUMED TO BE THE LEADER OF THE TRIO (GUENTER SONNENBERG, KNUT FOLKERTS, AND CHRISTIAN KLAR) WHO ARE THE KEY SUSPECTS IN THE BUBACK MURDER. THE PERSON ARRESTED INITIALLY (STUTTGART 604) HAS BEEN RELEASED AS HAVING NO CONNECTION WITH EVENT.

4. MEANWHILE, BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG JUSTICE MINISTER BENDER AND INTERIOR MINISTER SCHIESS HAVE INDICATED IN WRITING TO PRESIDING JUDGE FOTH OF BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL THAT THEY "DO NOT INTEND TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING AT STAMMHEIM PRISON" (STUTTGART 466). THEY REITERATED JUSTIFICATION OF EARLIER EAVESDROPPING ON IMPRISONED TERRORISTS AND THEIR DEFENSE LAWYERS UNDER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND EXPLAINED FUTURE ABSTENTION ON BASIS OF NON-UTILITY WHEN SUCH "BUGGING" IS ALREADY KNOWN BY PARTIES INVOLVED.

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CATION OF EARLIER EAVESDROPPING ON IMPRISONED TERRORISTS AND THEIR DEFENSE LAWYERS UNDER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND EXPLAINED FUTURE ABSTENTION ON BASIS OF NON-UTILITY WHEN SUCH "BUGGING" IS ALREADY KNOWN BY PARTIES INVOLVED.

5. IN ANY EVENT, MINISTERS' ASSURANCES TO JUDGE FOTH AND ASSIGNED DEFENSE ATTORNEYS RE DISCONTINUANCE EAVESDROPPING IN THIS CASE APPARENTLY MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL TO CONTINUE. SESSION YESTERDAY CHARACTERIZED BY VOCAL OUTBURSTS IN AUDIENCE FROM RELATIVES OF PRISONERS DEMANDING AN "END TO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT" AND OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN WAKE OF BUBACK ASSASSINATION. STATUS OF PRISONERS' HUNGER STRIKE IS NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR, WITH SOME MEDIA INDICATING THAT IT HAS BEEN TERMINATED AND OTHERS THAT PRISONERS CONTINUE TO REFUSE FOOD BUT ARE TAKING LIQUIDS.

6. THUS, THE TRIAL STRUGGLES ON; THE SEARCH FOR THE BUBACK ASSASSINS HAS PRODUCED MANY CLUES BUT NO ARRESTS SO FAR; AND AT THE FUNERAL OF THE MOST RECENT VICTIM THE POLITICIANS HAVE

DISCRETELY LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THEIR POLITICAL APPROACH
TO TERRORISM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GERMAN RECHTSTAAT.
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